

Amendments to House Bill No. 1
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Requested by Representative Roger Koopman

For the House Appropriations Committee

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1. Title, line 8.

Following: "DISASTERS;"

Insert: "PROVIDING FOR A STUDY OF STATE FIRE SUPPRESSION METHODS
AND COSTS;"

2. Title, line 9.

Following: "ACTIVITIES;"

Insert: "PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE FIRE SUPPRESSION
STUDY;"

3. Page 3, line 7.

Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 4. Fire suppression committee -
- study. (1) There is a fire suppression committee established to
conduct a comprehensive fire suppression study.

(2) The committee consists of six senators appointed by the
committee on committees and six representatives appointed by the
speaker of the house. Three senators and three representatives
must be members of the majority party, and three senators and
three representatives must be members of the minority party.

(3) The legislative services division shall provide staff
assistance to the committee, and the committee may receive staff
assistance from the legislative fiscal division and the
legislative audit division. The committee shall conduct field
hearings.

(4) The study must include:

(a) an investigation of firefighting operations in Montana,
including operations on tribal land and private land, by the
state and federal governments and the management policies
affecting the success of those operations;

(b) an investigation of the efficient use of fire
suppression resources, including equipment and firefighters;

(c) an investigation of impacts of operations on private
land and on the effective use of private resources to fight
fires; and

(d) an investigation of state and federal forest management
policies and how those policies may contribute to an increased
number of wildfires, greater safety risk to firefighters, or
compromised effectiveness of fire suppression efforts.

(5) The fire suppression committee shall complete the study

by September 15, 2008, and report to the 61st legislature on its findings and recommendations, including any recommendations for legislation."

Renumber: subsequent sections

4. Page 3, line 18.

Insert: "NEW SECTION. **Section 6. Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the state general fund to the legislative services division \$100,000 for the purpose of conducting the study provided for in [section 4]."

Renumber: subsequent section

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